



Advisory Actions 2000

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State Allocation Board Meeting

Executive Corner

The June 28, 2000 State Allocation Board meeting has been postponed until July 5, 2000, in order to provide the Board with the opportunity to fund modernization projects with the second funding cycle of Proposition 1A. It is anticipated that the modernization projects ready for funding will completely exhaust the available modernization funds at that time.



Districts are strongly encouraged to continue making applications for modernization funds to clearly demonstrate the ongoing need for modernization funding statewide and for the districts' advantage to position itself "in line" at the earliest possible date for potential future funding.

Sincerely,

Luisa M. Park
Interim Executive Officer
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Use of Surplus Prior Bond Funding

The SAB discussed alternative uses for surplus bond funds available from prior programs under the Lease-Purchase Program. In considering the use of these surplus bond funds, the SAB authorized up to \$20 million to implement AB 191. The OPSC will begin accepting applications immediately through September 30, 2000. The SAB supported funding minimal essential and joint-use facilities; however, legislation is required. The SAB expressed interest in developing legislative proposals that would enable the SAB to fund such facilities.

Proposition 1A/School Facility Program Accomplishments

The new School Facility Program (SFP) is the most successful State school-funding program in history. In less than eighteen months since the inception of this entirely new funding process, nearly \$2.9 billion from Proposition 1A funding has been made available to California public school districts for construction, modernization, and class size reduction. To date, over \$2.2 billion of these funds have been released and contracted which will house over 88,009 children in new facilities and will modernize classrooms for 349,324 children.

An additional \$1.2 billion in modernization applications have been included on "unfunded" information lists and are ready for allocation beginning July 1, 2000.

Activity continues in the program at an incredible rate. Based on the last six months of activity, the OPSC receives an average of 426 applications each month in the new construction and modernization programs.

Gymnasium and Multipurpose Funding (AB 191)

This policy provides assistance for districts to construct either a gymnasium or multipurpose room on a site, where the district constructed other facilities with local funding between September 30, 1996 and September 29, 1998. A separate letter will be sent to all school districts with more detailed information. For specific eligibility criteria, please refer to the AB 191 policy located on the OPSC Web site. For further information regarding this program, please contact Ms. Darlene Newman, OPSC Project Manager, at (916) 322-0387.

Correction to March 22, 2000 SAB Advisory Actions

In an article addressing School Facility Program priority points in the March 22, 2000 SAB Advisory Actions, a statement was inadvertently transposed. The correct statement reads as follows: "The SAB notification to the Legislature, which is a required component to assess level three developer fees, is made only when all new construction grant requests ready for apportionment exceed all new construction funds available."

Status of Funds

Program	Funds Available as of 4/26/00	Apportionments and Adjustments	Balance Available
Proposition 1A			
New Construction	160.1	-78.9	81.2
Modernization	8.8	1.5	10.3
Hardship	68.5	-39.8	28.7
Class Size Reduction	241.0	-3.5	237.5
SUBTOTAL	478.4	-120.7	357.7
Prior Bond Funds			
Contingency Reserves	59.4	-5.9	53.5
Northridge Earthquake	1.8	0	1.8
SUBTOTAL	61.2	-5.9	55.3
GRAND TOTAL	539.6	-126.6	413.0

Note: The SAB funded \$170,836 for Deferred Maintenance Program critical hardship “on-going” projects and \$160,447 for air-conditioning projects.

The SAB also made “unfunded” approvals for SFP modernization projects in the amount of approximately \$215.4 million. Currently, there are projects totaling approximately \$1.2 billion on the “unfunded” list.

Lease-Purchase Program Construction Cost Indices for May 2000			
B 1.38	D 1.39	F & E 1.37	HIS 5.10

Groundbreaking Ceremony

Mr. Ray Coco, Director of Facilities with Banning Unified School District presented a plaque to the OPSC from the Cabazon Elementary School groundbreaking ceremony on April 14, 2000. The District expressed their gratitude to OPSC for their assistance in the approval of the abandonment and replacement of the Cabazon Elementary School.



Don Hartin, Sandra Beane, Lauri Lathrop, Luisa Park, Ray Coco, Bruce Hancock and Phil Shearer

Class Size Reduction

The Board approved the California Department of Education’s (CDE) request for a transfer of \$3,520,000 to the CDE to fund various districts with eligible Class Size Reduction (CSR) facilities for the 1997-1998 and 1998-1999 Fiscal Years. Proposition 1A provided up to \$700 million for CSR, and at a prior meeting, the SAB set aside \$525 million of this amount for CSR purposes. It is anticipated that an item will be scheduled for the July 5, 2000 SAB meeting to present alternative uses for the remaining balance of CSR funding. For specific information regarding the CSR programs, please contact Fred Yaeger, Consultant with the CDE, at (916) 327-7148.

Copies of the applicable SAB actions, proposed regulations, and additional information can be located on the OPSC Web site at www.opsc.dgs.ca.gov. Should you have questions or need any additional information regarding the contents of this advisory, please contact your project manager.



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